

COAL SHORTAGE LOOMS LARGE

More Serious Next Winter
Than Dreamed of, Says
State Administrator.

75,000,000 TONS SHORT

Pleads for Extreme Economy
and Shows Why Factories
Can't Be Closed.

State Fuel Administrator W. E. Meyer, who has just returned from a meeting of the leaders of the national fuel administration and national railway commission, together with representatives of mine operators and mine owners, held in Chicago, addressed the Tennessee Bankers' association, now in session at Signal Mountain, Wednesday afternoon on the gravity of the conservation of fuel. "The problem," stated Mr. Meyer, "is far graver than I had any idea of, and I learned that the situation is really very acute. The fuel outlook today is graver than at any time since the beginning of the war. The various fuel administrators have taken a census of the fuel needs for the coming year and it shows the increased demands arising from the various munition plants, ship building operations and other great industries which are being turned into war work, together with the increased demands from the railroads to move this traffic, will require not less than 75,000,000 tons more coal for the year 1918 than for 1917."

The 75,000,000 tons of coal would form a solid train, Mr. Meyer stated, from New York to the Pacific, from Vancouver across the entire North Pacific to Vladivostok, from Petrograd to Berlin, from Berlin to Paris, from Paris to London, from London to New York, from New York to New Orleans, from New Orleans to New York, continuing, Mr. Meyer said:

"Please bear in mind that the coal to all this train of cars reaching around the globe must be dug from our mines, in addition to what they dug last year. And last year every nerve was strained and every pick digging. "Before the war our ordinary output of bituminous coal was about 400,000,000 tons yearly. Last year, by using every possible energy the output of bituminous coal was increased to 550,000,000 tons.

"During the year 1918 we must have not less than 625,000,000 tons, or disaster will result. The making up of this seemingly impossible quantity of 75,000,000 tons is a matter of stern necessity. It means life or death to us as a nation. The fate of the struggle in Europe hangs on the United States, and our ability to help depends on coal.

Must Economize.
"In order to make up this great shortage we must at once begin to save coal in every possible way. Our homes must heat fewer rooms, our industries must use every means to economize in fuel; we must burn wood wherever it is humanly possible to do so; the railroads must build every coal car possible. Our miners must, and will dig every ton of coal the railroads can furnish cars to haul.

Unnecessary Industries.
"Many people think that the problem is easily solved. They say, 'Why not cut out all the unnecessary industries?' That is what many of us thought at the beginning of last winter, but when we began looking around for unnecessary industries we found there were few industries that were unnecessary. We note that of stern necessity we must use the word 'unnecessary,' and therefore adopted the expressions war industries and nonwar industries.

"In the unnecessary or nonwar industries we found more than \$20,000,000,000 invested. These nonwar, or so-called unnecessary industries employ 10,000,000 men. In other words, 50,000,000 people were dependent on them for life, health, happiness, and have closed them down would have brought financial panic and ruin.

Would Ruin Girls.
"Many well-intentioned people in Tennessee brought strong pressure to bear upon me as state fuel administrator to close our candy factories. It

was claimed that candy was a luxury and not an essential, and that the manufacture of candy took enormous quantities of sugar, which at that time was urgently needed by our allies. I found the following to be the situation:

"1. That our candy factories manufacture largely low-grade candies, which contain very little sugar, glucose or corn syrup being the base, and that the closing of them would release very little sugar.

"2. I also found that a large majority of the employees were girls. These girls were from the poorer classes, without enough education to enable them to find employment in other lines then open.

"3. The closing of these factories would mean that these women would be thrown on the merciless charities of the world in the dead of winter and in time of war.

"To make a long story short, the closing of these candy factories meant the moral ruin of hundreds of good girls. I felt that before God and man I owed a debt to the womanhood of Tennessee, as well as to our manhood on the fields of France. Therefore I did not close the candy factories.

"Similar situations existed in many other so-called unnecessary industries, to close which strong pressure was brought to bear.

"Many of my advisers in Tennessee insisted that the people employed in the various so-called unnecessary or nonwar industries would at once go to work in essential or war industries. Investigation proved this had never been found to be the case.

Coal Means Lives.

"Then, again, there were not 10,000,000 war jobs to give these 10,000,000 workmen who would be thrown out of employment, neither were there enough war jobs to supply those who experience had shown would seek for them if their non-war plants were closed.

"In this connection it may be well for us to realize what fuel, water and air mean in the problem of human life. In many of our industries, the cost of fuel and water is not over 1 per cent. of the total cost of operation—and air costs nothing—but without air, or without water, or without fuel, these industries cannot exist, and the people dependent upon them must starve.

"The saving of a single ton of coal may mean the keeping in employment of 100 men for a week in many instances. The miner who saves a shovel of coal, the woman who heats fewer rooms, the miner who digs an extra ton of coal, the railroad car who gives prompt movement to a single car of coal, has a significant contribution to make in the fight against starvation. He is aiding in given honest employment to many good men and women, and by means of the factory output of these men and women our boys in France are able to fight stronger in this war for liberty and humanity.

Buy Coal Now.
"In order that our mines may be supplied with orders to keep them running to fullest possible output, so that our railroads may move all the coal possible during the summer, and thereby relieve the great winter load under which they have broken down in the past, I am allowing the consumers in Tennessee to store the entire year's supply of coal, if they do so within the next month or so.

"You will understand that even if you are fortunate enough to get your coal, you may not be able to keep all of it. If some of your neighbors or some other equally good reason—unable to obtain coal, I would call on the splendid manhood of Tennessee to sell a part of their coal to the unfortunate neighbor.

"In other words, we are going to fight this war as brothers, side by side, and never shall one honest Tennesseean suffer for coal as long as his neighbor has a lump. I am sure that the neighbor will gladly, of his own accord, sell to his unfortunate neighbor, but should he refuse, the state fuel administrator will demand that he do so; should he refuse the administrator's demand, United States marshals will be sent to get the coal, and also the unpatriotic American."

RAILROAD MEN HERE NOT WORRIED OVER RAISE

General Sentiment of Shippers
and Travelers Not Antagonistic to Rate Advance.

While telegraphic reports state that Southern railway employees are deeply disappointed in the raise in salary authorized from Secretary McAdoo's office, inquiry at Chattanooga develops no such discontent. As yet no official statement of the raise in railroad salaries has been received at this place, and the operatives have no basis upon which to form their judgment in the matter.

In an interview this morning, W. E. Wheelock, superintendent of terminals, stated that the whole of the people appeared contented. In answer to the question how the raised freight and passenger schedule affected the public, Mr. Wheelock stated that from a rather broad experience among shippers he believed the greater part of those who favored the raise as an act of justice.

"Owing to the great advance in all commodities, both of coal and labor, rolling stock and all goods used in the railroad world," stated Mr. Wheelock, "the people realize that unless the roads be run at a great loss, an increase in tariff is necessary.

"And, under the present circumstances, when the government is financing the whole system, it becomes a mere question of alternative policies, whether the government prefers to run the roads by general taxation or by direct taxation of the shippers using the road. That the latter course is the most just and fairest is obvious."

Lumber Situation.
Inspector R. M. Ogilvie, of the firm of Thompson-Starrett company, and representing the lumber industry of the war department, was in Chattanooga Wednesday talking on the local railroad men in reference to expediting the lumber shipments of Nitro, W. Va. Mr. Ogilvie stated that the railroad situation had been satisfactorily solved and that cars now went smoothly with lumber for the big munitions plant.

"Never before in the history of America," stated Mr. Ogilvie, "has such movements of lumber been known. I am not allowed to give figures, but the inventory cannot conceive of their magnitude."

When asked how the railroads were handling this business, Mr. Ogilvie stated that the whole transportation problem had been solved and now worked with the utmost expedition.

STORK VISITS MR. AND MRS. BEARDSLEY

Mrs. and Mr. Edward John Gillespie Beardsley, residing on a plantation on the birth of a daughter May 27 at the Woolford-Johnson sanitarium. They have named the baby Mary Louise. Mrs. Beardsley is one of the government inspectors at Camp Tule Lake, and was formerly connected with the Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia.

WOMEN DON OVERALLS AND WORK IN FURNITURE FACTORY



Women war workers at Loomis & Hart find trousers most practical, and have taken men's places at machines.

Women are taking the places of the young men and the old men who are answering the call of their country all over the United States. In New York it is a common thing to meet women street car conductors, women running elevators and doing many other different kinds of work that has heretofore been done by men. They are not only taking the place of the boys and men, but they are in most cases receiving the pay which was given to the men employees before they went to war.

While the women have not attempted to drive automobile trucks in Chattanooga, or run elevators or street cars, a woman chauffeur can be seen at most any time riding back and forth to Oglethorpe.

But here is something new. Enthusiasm new from driving an automobile or street car, and that is women have donned overalls and have put their

HORRIFYING PICTURE OF SUFFERING ARMENIANS PAINTED BY LECTURER

Clarence D. Ussher, Back From Missionary Service in Turkey,
Pleads for Aid for Victims of Unspeakable Turk Butchery.

Kaiser Planned Palace in Anti-Taurian Mountains,
From Which He Would Rule the World.

Amid the mighty towers of an oriental palace, stationed in the skyward altitude of the Anti-Taurian mountains in Turkey, surrounded by a dusky harem of the voluptuous east, Kaiser Wilhelm built in his brain a dizzy dream of world dominion. In a lecture Sunday afternoon at the Signal Mountain, Clarence D. Ussher, returned medical missionary from Turkey, told his audience in the courthouse Tuesday night the tale of the arch-Hun, Wilhelm's, Lucifer-like ambition.

In the Taurian mountains the German government had built a huge watchtower, from which the Black sea was visible toward the north; the Mediterranean toward the south. This was fortified and filled with the most powerful modern weapons.

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"It will be the palace of the German governor of Palestine."

"And what then?" persisted the American.

The Turk stole a stealthy glance about, then whispered, "after the great world war from here the Kaiser will rule his world kingdom."

In speaking of the efforts of Christian missionaries in these out-of-the-way spots of the earth, Dr. Ussher stated that these men formed no mean obstacle in the path of the Kaiser's march to power.

"In China," said Dr. Ussher, "there were 1,500 German officers whipping the yellow hordes of the Kaiser's nation into shape, and the Germans were using conscription to herd the orientals when interrupted by the present European cataclysm."

Kaiser's Promises.
The Kaiser's method of enlisting Turkey on the side of the central powers was another instance of German dissembling. The Kaiser stood in Mecca and stated that if the Turks would join the Germans, he would introduce Unitarianism into his country. But the word for Unitarianism meant in Turkish the same as Mohammedanism.

So, Abdul, the Moslem thought, the Moslem religion would prevail over central Europe, forgetting that another Frenchman, Charles Martel, had settled that question forever at Tours centuries ago. With these Moslem forces, the Kaiser planned to conquer India and Egypt, the German emperor boasted that he would form a steam roller to crush the world.

In a most interesting feature of the lecture, Dr. Ussher stated that three months before the outbreak of the world war, Austria had already mobilized her forces. Turkey was mobilizing and among the nobles were the Armenian people, among whom Dr. Ussher was working at Van, in the eastern part of Turkey.

Heroism of Armenians.
These Armenian Christians were plundered by the Turkish army and then deliberate steps were taken to destroy the remaining Armenians, a people of two and a half millions. By treachery the Turks took away arms from the Armenians, then attacked them. The Turkish Christians defended themselves with knives tied on poles for bayonets. Women were raped, debauched and butchered as cruelly as the perpetrators were not gentlemenly Turks in Asia, at all, but Germans in Belgium.

Fearful Outrages.
After two and a half years of this desolation, the stretched remnants of Armenians were forced to exist by digging grass roots and eating them. Women and girls, who had been educated by Christian missionaries; who were as fair and modest and cultivated as the audience of the lecture, such women, said Dr. Ussher, were forced to go out homeless, without clothing, and in their overwhelming shame, buried their naked bodies in the sand until night came, when they could crawl forth, seen to gnaw at the roots of trees, or eat of the carrion of pariah dogs cast out of the Turkish villages.

Such are but examples of the horrors of Ussher's lecture, and the lecture itself but a faint reflection of the monstrosities of the Levant.

In conclusion the lecturer passed checks among the audience and asked that they give generously to the starving, tortured Christian women and children who are suffering for the sake of their religion in a hostile land.

An effort was made to organize a permanent society for the relief of the Armenians.

Thirteen cents would support an Armenian for one day, stated Dr. Ussher. As some of the crowd began filling out before the contribution, the lecturer cried out with tears in his voice, "Oh, don't go. You cannot realize what this means! It is our charity or death for my people! Oh, Christian America, it is charity or death!"

Contributions may be sent to W. C. Johnson, care The News.

**HENKEL AND BREWER
SEEN ON SAND MOUNTAIN**
Secret Service Men Get Trail of Two of Escaped German Prisoners.

Arnold Henkel and C. F. P. Brewer, two of the interned Germans who escaped from the prison at Oglethorpe May 20, were seen at the home of a man named Wells on Sand Mountain five or six miles south of Trenton, Ga., on May 22. This has been established by United States secret service men who have just returned from that section, where they went to investigate a clue. The men were dressed in blue overalls and wore heavy black shoes and black shirts, and claimed to be looking for lost cattle, but the description fits so closely those of Henkel and Brewer that the officers have no doubt as to their identity. The men went from Wells south toward Apopka, Ala., on the road to Birmingham. Officers are following the trail and hope to overtake the two escapes within the next few days.

**RESCUE CIVIL WAR
RELIC FROM CREEK BED**
Minie Rifle, With Petrified Stock, Fished Up East of Mission Ridge.

An old Minie rifle that no doubt saw service during the heavy fighting around Chattanooga in the dark days of the '60s was unearthed Tuesday from a muddy bed in Spring creek, east of Mission ridge. The relic was fished up from the surface of the water by L. L. Lutz, proprietor of the Vienna bakery, who had brought it from the creek's bottom when he pulled on a wire, jumped back, fearing that he had sprung a trap. His fears were quickly quieted by the discovery that a valuable relic of bygone days had been resurrected. The rifle was closely examined by Lutz, Capt. W. L. Baker, of the police department; Patrolmen John Varnell and Tom Gillespie, who composed a fishing party, and was found to be intact, with the stock, evidently of walnut, apparently petrified. The gun was brought to Lutz's place, a highly prized treasure in spite of its rust.

Lutz, Capt. Baker and Patrolmen Varnell and Gillespie were fishing near the mouth of Spring creek. The former stooped down to dip up a bucket of water, and as he did so a wire attracted his attention and he gave a pull. The gun barrel appeared above the water and the weapon was soon being examined on the creek bank. All interest in fishing was lost, and the funny tribe were allowed to go unmoored.

**MARK GANG ARRIVES
SAFELY IN FRANCE**
Word has been received by Mrs. E. R. Gang, of 118 Cherry, that her son, Mark Gang, now with the 11th Infantry, has arrived safely in France. Young Gang left Chattanooga with the first quota of selectmen. Word was received several days ago that members of this regiment had reached French soil. It is not known, however, whether this regiment was divided or whether the Gang announcement was delayed in delivery.

**UNIQUE RELIC DUG UP
BY LABORERS AT POST**
A unique relic, probably of the '60s, was dug up Tuesday by laborers excavating for the new hospital buildings at Oglethorpe. J. E. Powell and G. B. Hall, Chattanooga men who were looking over the park, first noticed the novelty. As a cloud of earth thrown up by one of the

diggers struck one of the visitors' feet he noticed a shining particle protruding through the red clay. On investigation it proved to be a coin, or medal, about the size of a half-dollar and very similar in pattern, which had been soldered to an iron back. If the piece, which is apparently silver, is a coin, the wrong side of the face is turned outward to discover the date. The speculation of one of the finders is that the coin was probably attached to the trappings of some Union officer's horse's bridle as a novelty. It was thrown out from a deep section of the pit, showing that it had been buried for some years. Considerable scrubbing and polishing was necessary to clear the face of the coin. It is now being exhibited in Edwards & LeBon's window.

F. L. UNDERWOOD VICE- PRESIDENT OF BANKERS

State Association Elects Officers at Annual Convention at Signal Inn.

The members of the American Bankers' association who are here attending the conference of the Tennessee Bankers' association met in conference Wednesday afternoon at the Signal Mountain inn and appointed a member of the executive council from Tennessee to succeed W. A. Sudd, of Chattanooga. The delegate selected was J. Fred Collins, of Milan, Tenn. In addition to this, J. E. Fox, of Rockwood, was elected as a tentative member of the executive council in anticipation of the addition of forty-one members to the association in this state by Sept. 1, making the total membership 300. T. M. Sear, of Memphis, was elected vice-president to succeed J. E. Fox. R. E. Mooney, of Knoxville, was elected a member of the nominating committee and J. S. McHenry, of Nashville was selected for alternate member.

The officers of the different sections of the association were elected as follows: Vice-president trust company section, Gilbert Winston, of Memphis; vice-president savings bank section, F. L. Underwood, of Chattanooga; vice-president state bank section, J. R. Harrison, Milan, Tenn.

Arrangements were made to have Wednesday's program in the afternoon instead of in the morning, on account of the meeting of the state bankers' association who are in conference. The principal speaker for the afternoon is Maj. George Simmons, of St. Louis, who has just returned from Belgium, where he spent some time in the interest of the Red Cross.

MEMORIES OF SCHOOL DAYS TO BE REVIVED

Thursday evening marks the annual homecoming of graduates and former students of Central High school. The young people will gather in the auditorium of Central High school at 8 o'clock, hold a business session, elect officers for the ensuing year and then enjoy a social hour, during which a special program of music and other features is to be rendered. Acquaintances will be renewed and memories of other days spent at the Purple and Gold institution revived. It is hoped that members of the association will turn out in large numbers, and 1918 graduates will be guests of the occasion.

The meeting will be of a patriotic nature. Many young men belonging to the organization in question are in the service of their country.

**INSPECTION CELEBRATED
IN COLORED SCHOOLS**
Work of Pupils on Industrial Lines on Exhibition—Mrs. Washington Supervisor.

Tuesday was inspection day in the colored schools on industrial lines, under the supervision of Mrs. Washington, and the principal exhibition took place at the North Chattanooga school. There were many white people present, who spoke many words of encouragement. The event was made quite interesting by those who took part in the proceedings.

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